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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 20, 2002

APPLICATION OF

UNITED SYSTEMS ACCESS TELECOM OF  
VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC010256

For certificates of public  
convenience and necessity to  
provide local exchange and  
interexchange telecommunications  
services

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On January 7, 2002, United Systems Access Telecom of Virginia, Inc. ("USA Telecom" or "Applicant"), completed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificates") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Applicant also requested authority to price its interexchange telecommunications services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that USA Telecom's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give notice to the public of its application; that interested parties should have an opportunity to comment and request a hearing on USA Telecom's

application; and that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the application and present its findings in a Staff Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC010256.

(2) On or before March 15, 2002, the Applicant shall complete publication of the following notice to be published on one (1) occasion as classified advertising in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Applicant's proposed service territory:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY  
UNITED SYSTEMS ACCESS TELECOM OF VIRGINIA,  
INC., FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE  
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND  
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES  
THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
CASE NO. PUC010256

On January 7, 2002, United Systems Access Telecom of Virginia, Inc. ("USA Telecom" or "Applicant"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificates") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. In its application, the Applicant also requested authority to price its interexchange telecommunications services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the

Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street,  
Richmond, Virginia, or can be ordered from  
USA Telecom's counsel, Richard J. Dyer,  
Esquire, O'MELVENY & MEYERS LLP, 555 13th  
Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington D.C.  
20004-1109.

Any person desiring to comment on USA  
Telecom's application for certificates to  
provide local exchange and interexchange  
telecommunications services may do so by  
directing such comments in writing on or  
before March 29, 2002, to the Clerk of the  
Commission at the address set out below.

Any person may request a hearing on USA  
Telecom's application by filing an original  
and fifteen (15) copies of its request for  
hearing on or before March 29, 2002, with  
the Clerk of the Commission at the address  
set out below. Requests for hearing must  
state with specificity why a hearing should  
be conducted.

All written communications to the  
Commission concerning USA Telecom's  
application should be directed to Joel H.  
Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation  
Commission, c/o Document Control Center,  
P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and  
must refer to Case No. PUC010256.

UNITED SYSTEMS ACCESS TELECOM OF VIRGINIA,  
INC.

(3) On or before March 15, 2002, Applicant shall provide a  
copy of the notice contained in ordering paragraph two (2) to  
each local exchange telephone carrier certificated in Virginia  
and each interexchange carrier certificated in Virginia by  
personal delivery or first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the  
customary place of business. Lists of all current local

exchange and interexchange carriers in Virginia are attached to this Order as Appendices A and B, respectively.

(4) Any person desiring to comment in writing on USA Telecom's application for certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services may do so by directing such comments on or before March 29, 2002, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth below. Comments must refer to Case No. PUC010256.

(5) On or before March 29, 2002, any person wishing to request a hearing on USA Telecom's application for certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of its request for hearing in writing with Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Written requests for hearing shall refer to Case No. PUC010256 and shall state the following: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the filing party; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in the matter. Copies shall also be served on the Applicant.

(6) On or before April 5, 2002, the Applicant shall file with the Commission proof of notice and proof of service as ordered herein.

(7) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of USA Telecom's application and present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before April 17, 2002.

(8) On or before April 25, 2002, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response to the Staff Report or parties' objections and requests for hearing. A copy of the response shall be delivered to Staff and the other parties by overnight delivery.

(9) The Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within seven (7) days after the receipt of the same. Parties shall provide to the Applicant, other additional parties, and Staff any workpapers or documents used in preparation of their requests for hearing, promptly upon request. Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Rules.